GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4134
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THREAT TO KIDNAP INDIAN CRICKETERS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Pakistani extremist groups have threatened to kidnap Indian Cricketers;

(b) if so, the details of security arrangement made for the Cricketers;

(c) whether the Government have decided to play with Pakistan in view of the threat; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) & (b): As per information received from Ministry of Home Affairs, the Government is aware that the terrorist organization Lashkar-e-Toiba has issued a threat to some Indian players. Adequate security has been provided to all of them.

(c) & (d): Under the prevailing circumstances the Government considers it inappropriate to play in two-nation matches against Pakistan. There is, however, generally no objection to playing against Pakistan in multilateral matches/tournaments at regular venues.